

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

Paras. 2 and 20 have been amended to correct obvious editorial errors.

A supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references recently uncovered in the prosecution of a counterpart foreign application.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The examiner's reasons for allowance paraphrase independent claims 1 and 11, only in part; and fail to address the various dependent claims.

The examiner's reasons are therefore merely exemplary of the many differences in the claims over the art of record, including reference '065.

The two independent claims are entitled to full affect of all of the features recited therein and cooperation thereof.

Similarly, the various dependent claims are entitled to the full affect of all of the features recited therein and cooperation thereof.

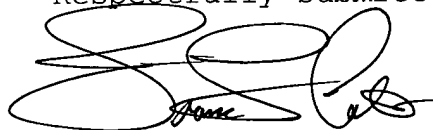
Accordingly, all claims are entitled to the full and broad interpretation thereof commensurate with their specific features and differences, commensurate with a first office action allowance thereof, and commensurate with standard claim interpretation practice as found in the MPEP and case law.

The claims should not be limited in any manner by the examiner's brief remarks that fail to address all features recited therein.

Chapters 700 and 2100 in the MPEP contain stringent

requirements for supporting rejections under Sections 102 and 103, and the allowance of all original twenty-one claims is therefore indicative that the various combinations thereof patentably distinguish over all of the references of record; and all such claims are entitled to their correspondingly broad interpretation as typically made by examiners in conventional examination practice before the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis L. Conte', is written over a series of horizontal lines.

Francis L. Conte  
Registration No. 29,630  
Attorney for Applicant

Date: 26 January 2005

6 Puritan Avenue  
Swampscott, MA 01907  
Tel: 781-592-9077  
Fax: 781-592-4618

Attachment:  
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement